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To 13: Please take lead in effecting coordination of this. NIO/SP is preparing this briefing, working with NSC staffer Col. Linhard. DIA rep also may participate.

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TO: WILL BALL
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RUSSELL ROURKE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

CHARLES BRIGGS
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Attached are the Presidential letters that were hand-delivered earlier today for your use in coordinating briefings and preparation for release of Soviet SDI publication.

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LYNN SACHS
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

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WASHINGTON

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Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

The Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill
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United States Senate
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